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Dec.	1.	Mrs. Sheffield.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Sheffield.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
March	1.	Miss Palmer.	March	15.	Mrs. Wright.
April	1.	Miss Murdock.	April	15.	Mrs. White.
May	1.	Mrs. Bacon.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. Teele.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Bacon.
Sept.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Sept.	15.	Miss Palmer.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Mrs. White.	Nov.	15.	Miss Murdock.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November, and on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE AVON HOME.

THE records of our Home are from year to year so very much alike that it seems almost unnecessary to repeat them. But it is due to our friends to tell them that we are still prosperous, and, notwithstanding the financial depression of the past year, that we have not been forgotten by those who care for the neglected children of Cambridge.

We have received and made comfortable forty children at a time. We have relieved the anxieties of many a poor woman who has lost her husband, either by death or, what has been more common, by intemperance and wilful desertion. So far as possible we have taught our children to be quiet and orderly, and to live at peace with their young companions. Some of the seed sown may bear fruit in future, although now it seems only like "seed sown by the wayside."

We consider our Home well filled with forty children, and sometimes we have applications for double the number. Of the forty who now compose our family, twenty-six remain from last year — fourteen have recently been admitted, and the same number have left us. Of the latter, one has been removed by his legal guardian to be placed in a family; one has gone to the Industrial School

for girls at Dorchester; one has left because beyond the age allowed by our rules; she and others have been taken by relatives and friends.

We have had two cases of severe illness, requiring a trained nurse, and fourteen children have been carefully treated through whooping-cough. We are glad to say that neither this year nor the last have we had any death in the Home. It is wonderful to see the difference which a few weeks will make in the puny, half-starved children who enter the Home, and for the first time in their lives have plenty of good simple food, airy sleeping apartments, and kind, judicious treatment.

We have had the kindest of aid and sympathy from our physicians; and our Matron and Assistant Matron have been most constant and valuable in their services. We would express our gratitude to the many clubs and individuals who have given us clothing. Our gifts this year have been many and various. We must refer to the long list of smaller but most welcome remembrances in another part of our Report.

We have received notice of two valuable and interesting bequests: one from Mr. Samuel Longfellow of five hundred dollars, and one of five thousand dollars from Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett; the former reminded us of Mr. Longfellow's sweet and lovely interest in all little children, and the latter was accompanied, in the notice of the legacy, by nine pictures, with which we shall adorn the walls of our Home.

Christmas was made happy by invitations to the Christmas-trees of Dr. Briggs's and the First Parish Sunday Schools; and Miss Manson brought pretty and valuable gifts from her Kindergarten. Miss Irving's class of King's Daughters did royal service to our own Christmas-tree.

Now that we have such pleasant playgrounds, our family are not obliged to go out of town for change of air; so many friends give money for recreation, and in the summer the children have made excursions, under the guidance of

the Matrons, in cars and in barges, into the country, and by the seashore.

With all this kindness, we still have some anxieties. Our list of subscribers has become smaller the past year, partly by the death of some of our most liberal benefactors, and partly by the hard times which all the charities are feeling, more or less. We have had to make some expensive improvements, and the balance on hand is small.

The resignation of Mrs. Snow from our Board of Trustees, on account of ill-health, gives us great regret. Her efficiency on our Building Committee was most valuable, and we miss her executive, practical talent.

After twenty years we feel that we have a history. Two hundred and eighty-three children have been admitted to the Home since its foundation. Two hundred and forty-four have left in that time, — fifteen died, thirteen adopted, thirty-two placed in families or other homes, and the remainder taken by parents or friends.

We can speak of girls who came to us in the first years of our work. One is a young woman much respected, conscientiously earning her living as a typewriter and stenographer. One, whose temper gave us some trouble in her very young days, is now teaching school in a neighboring State, and writes to her sister: "Be sure and learn to control your temper while you are young."

One of our boys, who was brought to us in such a fearful state of neglect and abuse that we thought his physical and mental condition hopeless, has been adopted into a kind family, and is loved and respected and has a good influence among other boys.

The little boy whom we sent last year to the "School for the Feeble-Minded" in Waltham, has been visited, and we find that his dormant faculties have been wonderfully developed under the new methods of this interesting school.

We could tell of others who are doing very well, and we know of no one who has become hopelessly bad. We

cannot follow the fortunes of all the children whose parents have removed them from the Home; but we try to have, each year, a report from those who have been taken into families, either for adoption or for household service.

We cannot receive all who apply to us, and it is heart-breaking to refuse some cases which seem almost too sad to believe possible in a Christian city. There is room for another Home like our own in some other part of our large city. We must not ask for that until the support of our own is assured.

We remember with gratitude the interest and hard work of those who made our annnal reception and sale on May-day such a success, giving us eight hundred dollars.

Our physicians recommended tinting the walls of the playroom, that the glare might not injure the eyes of the children; and this expense, with some other improvements found necessary for the coming year, will use all our money.

With fewer subscriptions, and a very small balance in our treasury, we must depend now, — perhaps more than ever, — upon the generosity of the Cambridge public for the continuance and increase of the usefulness of the Avon Home.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER.
ALICE G. TEELE.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
	$34,791.05

Emergency Fund $500.00

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1893, Nov. 1.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$1,198.85
To Cash from year ending November 1, 1894: —		
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	$65.50	
St. John's Memorial Chapel	81.30	
Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service of Cambridgeport Churches	10.00	
Prospect Street Congregational Society	37.94	
First Universalist Benevolent Society	10.00	
Harvard Street Methodist Society	11.00	
First Baptist Society	10.00	
Two classes in Shepard Congregational Society	13.33	
Individual Donations	712.49	
Annual Subscriptions	934.00	
Board	503.50	
General Income	2,074.81	
May Sale	845.11	
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00	
		6,308.98
		$7,507.83

November 7, 1894. Audited and approved by

SARAH S. STORER.

1894, Nov. 1.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$1,955.14	
Provisions and Groceries	1,895.83	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	414.42	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	121.32	
House Utensils	20.79	
Improvements and Repairs	304.76	
Sidewalk Assessment	109.35	
Druggist	22.45	
Printing	76.50	
Excursions	28.75	
Concord Taxes	82.80	
Insurance	7.50	
Sundries	57.49	
		$5,097.09
Furnishing		37.75
The balance is apportioned as follows: —		
Funds awaiting Investment	2,000.00	
Held for Furnishing	47.56	
Appropriated for Repainting the Home	250.00	
Cash on hand for Current Expenses	75.43	
		$2,372.99
		$7,507.83

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$10.00
Mrs. George W. Abbot	5.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00
Mrs. F. D. Allen	1.00
Mrs. A. T. Amee	1.00
Mrs. M. A. Bacon	1.00
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Mrs. George Fisher	1.00
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Mrs. A. L. Floyd	1.00
Mrs. Francis C. Foster	25.00
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Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
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Mrs. L. B. Grover	$1.00
Mrs. C. L. Harding	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Miss M. L. Heywood	1.00
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Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
Mr. Robert J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
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Mr. B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
Mrs. Frank H. Jones	10.00*
Hon. C. W. Kingsley	100.00
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Mrs. Lawrence	2.00
Mrs. William Lawrence	15.00
Mrs. G. V. Leverett	20.00
Miss F. M. Mackay	10.00
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Mrs. S. L. Montague	10.00
Miss Jennie Moore	2.00
Miss Helen W. Munroe	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Munroe	20.00
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Mr. J. J. Myers	5.00
Miss Sarah R. Neal	2.00
Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols	1.00
Mrs. James Atkins Noyes	2.00
Mrs. Fred. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	3.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. Edmund M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. F. W. A. Pike	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. Henry C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Rand	5.00
Mr. C. C. Read	5.00
Mrs. James Ford Rhodes	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00

* Subscriptions for 1893 and 1894.

Mrs. G. B. Roberts	$10.00*
Miss E. N. Robinson	1.00
Miss M. W. Robinson	1.00
Mrs. G. E. Ryder	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	10.00
Miss Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Billings Smith	1.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Mrs. R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
Mrs. F. W. Taylor	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
Mrs. A. S. Toffey	10.00
Mr. B. Vaughan	$25.00
Mr. F. W. Vaughan	5.00
C. J. W.	20.00
Mr. Andrew S. Waitt	5.00
Mrs. M. Walker	2.00
Miss C. L. Ware	3 00
Mrs. J. B. Warner	5.00
Mrs. Rufus Warren	6.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington	1.00
Miss Kate Wellington	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. E. A. Willard	1.00
Mrs. A. Wood	1.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	5.00
A Friend	10.00
The Daughters of St. James, St. James Parish	2.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$40.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	5.00
M. L. B.	10.00
Mrs. Charles Bullock	2.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	5.00
Misses Chapman	5.00
Curtis Davis & Co.	25.50
Mrs. Emily Everett	20.00
Mrs. Josiah M. Fiske	5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	4.00
Miss Bessie May Greely	10.00
Mr. Charles G. Greene	10.00
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Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00
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Mrs. Laura Oppenheimer	3.00
Misses Peabody	50.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	5 00
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Mr. William T. Piper	25.00
Mr. Denman W. Ross	50.00
Mrs. John L. Ross	50.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Mr. S. S. Sleeper	100.00
Mrs. Jeremiah Smith	1.00
Mr. Henry Crosby Stetson	5.00
John H. Stevens & Co.	18.63
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Mrs. B. W. Taggard	5.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00
Mrs. R. N. Toppan	5.00
Mrs. B. Vaughan	2.00
P. W.	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Warner	5.00
Mr. Boyd Wasson	5.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
Mr. Henry D. Yerxa	50.00
A Friend	25.00
A Friend	10.00
Anonymous	10.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending October 31, 1894.

1893. **November.** Mrs. M. J. Mann, crib-quilt, skirt, blanket, parasol, and three books; Mrs. L. G. Blair, East Watertown, vegetables; A Friend, fruit; Allan and Floyd Blair, two boxes of toys; John W. Challis, pair of boots; Charles River Baptist Church, five baskets of fruit; Miss Gray, four pairs mittens, three scrap-books; C. Donnison Tower, three pairs stockings, basket of pears; Miss E. J. Valentine, boy's coat and book; Sunday-School Class of First Parish Church, two baskets of fruit; Frederick Emery, William Piper, Philip Adams, Carl Chase, Parker Marean, Harold Read, Francis Peabody, Frederick Jackson, H. P. Stevens, eight baskets of fruit; W. B. Durant, basket of cakes; David Brewer, six chickens.

December. Mrs. Rufus Warren, seventeen pairs children's boots; Mrs. J. G. White, cookies; Miss E. E. Dana, pears; Miss Field and Mrs. Gormley, three pairs mittens; Mrs. N. Folsom, garment, infants' shoes, three pieces underwear; Miss Longfellow, candy and figs; Mr. James Mellen, barrel apples; Mr. William G. McLeod, barrel flour; Miss Teele, knit balls and dusters; Holdfast Club, doll and muff; Mrs. James A. Noyes, children's clothing; Mrs. A. Richardson, Christmas toys; Mrs. P. G. Porter, barrel flour; First Parish Church, Christmas-tree and party; Mrs. B. F. McNamee, two jars preserved peaches; Mrs. S. H. Swan, oranges; Miss Manson's Kindergarten, Christmas-tree and gifts; Mrs. Henry Saville, barrel potatoes; Mr. W. A. Munroe, two turkeys and vegetables; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, box of oranges; William, Bessie, and Nancy Piper, Christmas gifts; Miss Irving and Class, Christmas-tree and gifts; Margaret Shepard Society, box of handkerchiefs; Miss Munroe, Christmas gifts; Mrs. S. B. Hildreth, Christmas decorations; Mrs. B. L. Howes, crackers; Miss Montague, box of candy; Mrs. Burnett, two dozen bibs; New Church Sunday-School children, Christmas gifts; Mrs. J. Coon, turkey; Mrs. Grote, sled; Florence J. Pierce, box of cakes; Harold Perkins, books; Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols, gifts and gown; Bernice Hubbard, child's sleigh; Mrs. Richard Pike, gifts and books; The Active Ten, King's Daughters, bibs and toys; Mrs. E. Bean, oranges; Miss Ware, cakes; Nevertheless Circle, King's Daughters, fourteen pairs mittens, three nightgowns, three pairs stockings; Margaret Warren, oranges; Miss Whitney, cakes and fruit; Allan Blair, oranges; Third Congregational Church Sunday School, Christmas party; Irving Blake, barge ride; Colby Brothers, barge ride; Miss S. E. Hyde, Christmas cards; Miss Dora Page, Christmas cards; Mrs. and Miss Jackson, Mrs. and Miss Fielder, candy and scrap-book.

1894. **January.** The Club, ten waists, six flannel skirts; one apron; Dr. E. F. Taft, books, three coats, three pairs pants; A Friend, boys' clothing; Ladies' Sewing Circle of Inman Square Baptist Church, quilt; Mr. J. E. Warner, box oranges; Mrs. Quinn, clothing; Club, through Miss Leslie Hopkinson, two flannel skirts, three nightgowns, two bibs, and two aprons; Whatsoever Circle, sewing on seven nightgowns; The Club, seven waists, one nightgown, two skirts; Shepard Memorial Church Sewing Club, eight aprons; Mrs. Spaulding, three nightgowns.

February. Mrs. David Plympton, three pairs stockings; Mrs. Leander Floyd, toys; Mrs. S. H. Swan, two aprons, two dresses, one pair drawers; Miss Steele, two aprons, flannel band; Miss Longfellow, hyacinth glasses and bulbs; Mrs. W. C. Lane, four dozen rolls; Mrs. Woodward Emery, books; Mrs. Dr. Bemis, two dresses, two skirts; Mrs. Brewster, through Mrs. Cook,

ten dresses; Winifred Rogers, ten valentines; Miss Hopkinson, thirteen pairs flannel drawers, three skirts; A Friend, cotton cloth; F. P. Merrill, box oranges; Mrs. S. H. Swan, child's jacket; Mrs. Holmes Hinkley, children's clothing; Lookout Club, games and books; Miss Tower, flannel dressing-gown; Club, Miss Lamb, three waists, three aprons, three flannel skirts, making three nightgowns; Mrs. Walter Woodman, two woollen dresses, five print dresses, three pairs stockings; A Friend, one dress, three pieces underwear; Mrs. Bartlett, two flannel skirts; Miss Bacon, making six nightgowns; through Mrs. Wright, doll's table and doll's clothing.

March. F. P. Merrill, twelve calendars; Misses Parsons, twelve glasses jelly; Club, through Mrs. Lamb, making six nightgowns; C. Donnison Tower, one pair boots; Mrs. J. L. Ross, box oranges; The Bee, Mrs. Scudder, six flannel skirts; The Club, Mrs. Westcott, six aprons, five flannel skirts, three infants' wrappers, sewing on one nightgown, and two dresses; Mrs. F. M. Mackay, one skirt, six dresses; Mrs. Spaulding, two nightgowns; Mr. E. Burt Phillips, box oranges; John W. Challis, books and games; Myrick Arthur, books and games; W. W. Goodwin, toys; Mrs. Moulton, clothing; Miss Helen Storer, four infants' jackets; Mrs. Harry Ellis, two pairs stockings; Mrs. M. W. Dewey, three dolls; Mrs. Higginson, six pairs drawers, one nightgown, two pairs stockings, one pair shoes, one flannel skirt; Miss Sprague, two bags, two baskets; The Guild, Mrs. W. B. Storer, two nightgowns, four skirts, box oranges; Mrs. C. L. Harding, dress goods; North Avenue Congregational Sewing Society, twelve pairs drawers; St. Agnes Guild, St. Peter's Church, thirty-four scrap-books.

April. A Friend, Concord, Mass., box Christmas and Easter cards; The Bee, twelve handkerchiefs, six pairs flannel drawers, six waists; Sewing Club, Miss Hopkinson, seven aprons, eleven pairs flannel drawers; The Club, three dresses; Miss Palmer, making twelve pillow-cases; Miss Lilian Horsford, box shells; Miss E. L. Willard, picture; Miss M. C. Saunders, picture; Mrs. Spelman, eleven nightgowns, three pairs drawers; Mrs. S. Albee, two aprons.

May. Mrs. Moses White, two dresses, two shirt waists, one hat; Mrs. Silsbee, afghan; Mrs. R. H. Dana, four dresses; Mrs. Neal, plants; Young Ladies of New Church Sewing Society, six aprons; Mr. Robert E. Sands, three boxes crackers; Mrs. W. L. Stewart, four pairs drawers; Basket Club, two skirts, two infants' bands, sixteen nursery towels; The Bee, twelve nightgowns; North Avenue Baptist Sewing Society, seven aprons; Third Congregational Sewing Society, thirty aprons; Miss Bacon, sixteen pairs drawers; Third Universalist Church, box soap; Mrs. L. S. Jones, three dresses, two pairs slippers, two pairs boots; Mrs. J. T. Kiernan, box toys; Miss Susan Smith, one apron; Mrs. G. W. Bicknell, underwear (eleven nightgowns, three pairs drawers); Mrs. Wyman, two jackets; Mt. Sinai Lodge (Odd Fellows), cake; New Church Sewing Society, twelve gingham aprons; First Universalist Benevolent Society, five gingham aprons; Mr. James Mellen, box soap; Mr. F. Foxcroft, two books; The Ladies' Society, Shepard Memorial, Infants' socks, one pair stockings; Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, four nursery chairs; Mrs. N. Folsom, two flower-stands; Mrs. M. L. Stewart, preserved fruit and jellies; Mrs. Moulton, four skirts, two dresses; Miss Florence Colby, child's cart, game, and doll's chair; Mrs. Dr. Bemis, six pairs drawers, two nightgowns, one skirt; Methodist Sunday School, books; Mrs. J. C. Rich, box of toys and books; through Mrs. Westcott, six quarts ice-cream; Mr. Martin, two quarts ice-cream.

June. The Guild, through Mrs. John Read, six pairs drawers, two nightgowns; Sewing Club, "Limited," fourteen aprons; Miss L. Hayden, one jacket and waist; Mrs. Westcott, six dresses, four aprons; The Club, two dresses, one apron; The Guild, through Miss Woodworth, eighteen bibs; The Willing Workers, six bibs; Bessie Piper, toys.

July. Mrs. J. P. Cooke, ice-cream; Mrs. Proudfoot, shirt-waists, shoes, and two pairs pants; No Name Club, ten pairs drawers, four kilt skirts, eight aprons; Mrs. Harry Ellis, one jacket, one skirt, two pairs pants; Mrs. M. F. Blanchard, "Youth's Companion;" The Guild, ten bibs, six aprons; Mrs. Studley, mat and books.

August. Mrs. John Davis, fruit; Mrs. W. Parker, one child's shawl; Mrs. Groton, fruit; Mrs. Canfield, variety box; Unknown, bundle of clothing.

September. Miss Richards, one apron; Mrs. Westcott, flowers; Mrs. T. L. Smith, one barrel and one bushel pears; Mrs. Boynton, cooking apples; Mrs. Lewis Hall, one pair slippers; Mrs. Eustis, children's clothes; Edward S. Read, calendar; Mrs. Moulton, two suits boys' clothing, one dress, four pairs drawers, six pairs stockings; Mr. Henry A. Wyeth, one dozen button-hooks; Mrs. S. H. Swan, basket seckle pears.

October. Mrs. C. L. Harding, barrel pears; Mrs. Nathan G. Gooch, cooking-apples; Mrs. John Bartlett, basket grapes; Mrs. Joseph Whittemore, three pictures; Mrs. F. W. Bigelow, bushel pears; Mrs. Charles F. Goodridge, box pears; Mrs. James Mellen, barrel apples; Mrs. Spelman, seven knit hoods; estate of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett, nine pictures; Mrs. J. Dixwell, barrel pears; Wednesday Club, five skirts, child's dress; Shepard Memorial Church, box of cookies; M. M., box of candy; Mr. James Mellen, two barrels apples, one rocking-horse; Mrs. R. F. Richards, barrel apples; Mrs. James A. Noyes, four infants' dresses, five cotton skirts, three waists, three pairs stockings, one pair gaiters, one pair boots, one pair rubbers; Mrs. Spencer, two flannel skirts; Mr. O. H. Durrell, case of buttons; Oak Grove Creamery Co., five quarts milk daily, in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be seventeen in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at The Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Nine Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Corporation for approval at its next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child shall be allowed, except in an emergency, to be out of the Home after 7 P. M., without a special written permit from one of the Committee on Admission and the consent of the Matron, previously obtained.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday school, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on Thursdays, also on the first Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names,

ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.